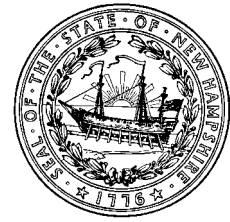


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## **NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – February 17, 2021**

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Wednesday, February 17, 2021, DHHS announced 379 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.6%. Please note, an additional 421 cases have been added to the case count, in addition to the new cases above. The cases were identified during data quality assurance activities and are from November 2020 through January 2021. Today's results include 246 people who tested positive by PCR test and 133 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 3,372 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **2/16: 379** new cases

Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new positives for those days are not yet complete. Updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the [COVID-19 interactive dashboard](#).

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are fifty-eight individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 50% being female and 50% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (86), Strafford (60), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (53), Grafton (46), Merrimack (23), Sullivan (17), Cheshire (16), Belknap (15), Coos (3), and Carroll (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (35) and Manchester (13). The county of residence is being determined for eleven new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced twelve additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 male resident of Coos County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 male residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 female residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 126 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 71,965 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

## Current Situation in New Hampshire

### New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated February 17, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	71,965
Recovered	67,445 (94%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,148 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	3,372
Current Hospitalizations	126
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) <sub>2</sub>	618,001
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests <sub>2</sub>	37,226
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	68,023
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sub>3</sub>	611

<sub>1</sub>Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

<sub>2</sub>Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

<sub>3</sub>Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

### Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

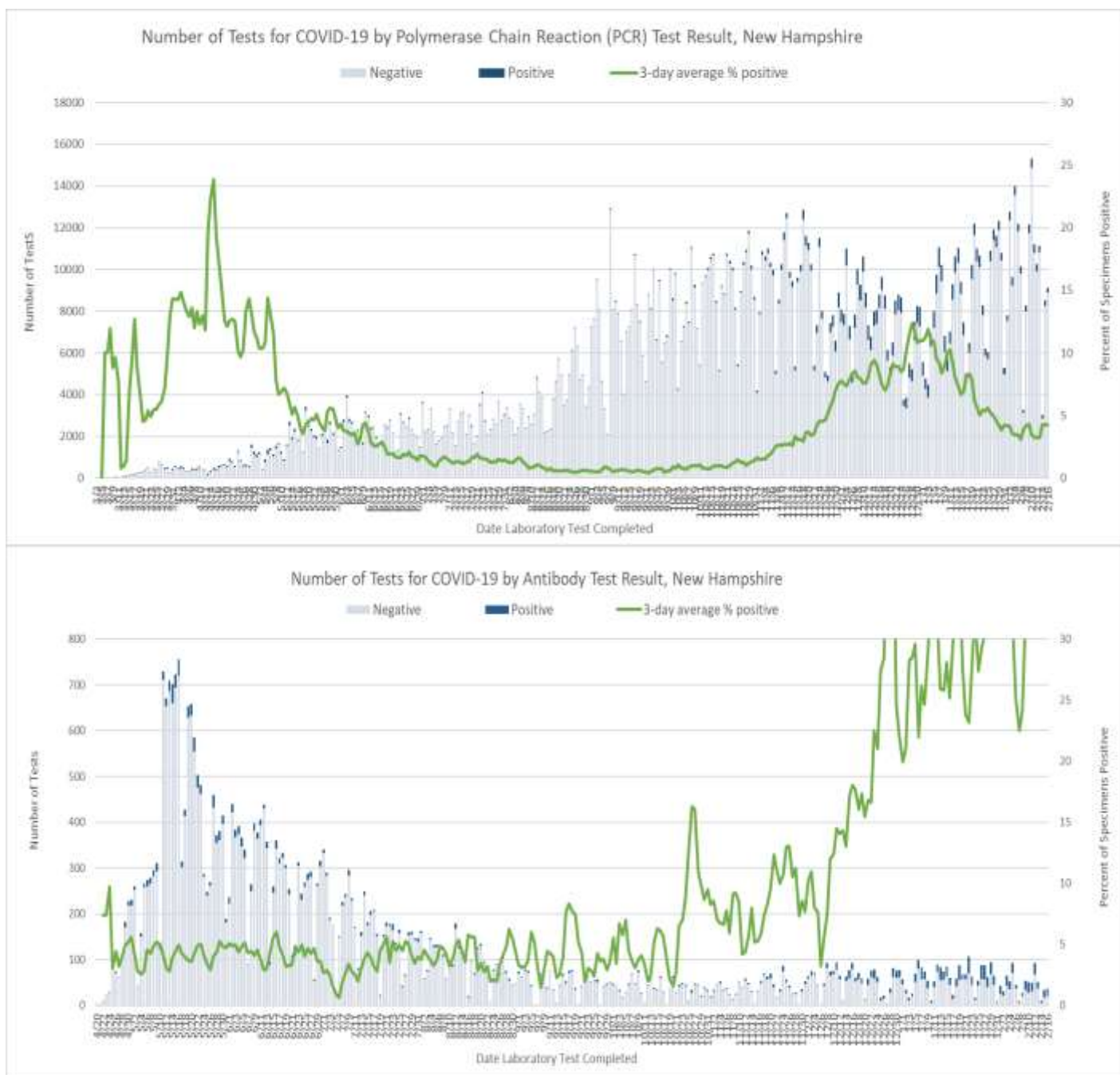
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	765	813	574	640	42	36	92	423
LabCorp	700	730	602	454	494	467	518	566
Quest Diagnostics	725	611	623	684	566	212	240	523
Mako Medical	315	235	152	11	136	301	374	218
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	648	544	389	400	287	267	81	374
NorDX Laboratory	492	571	343	131	74	58	344	288
Broad Institute	4,842	2,640	2,613	5,350	870	2,632	3,192	3,163
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	750	431	413	289	243	379	274	397
Other Laboratory*	2,004	457	361	236	283	288	156	541
University of New Hampshire**	4,069	4,163	4,143	2,924	54	3,875	3,855	3,298
Total	15,310	11,195	10,213	11,119	3,049	8,515	9,126	9,790
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	Daily Average
LabCorp	12	10	11	9	2	2	0	7
Quest Diagnostics	17	16	52	21	6	1	23	19
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	7	9	8	4	1	8	0	5
NorDX Laboratory	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Other Laboratory*	9	9	10	13	0	11	9	9
Total	43	47	44	82	47	9	5	40

\* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

\*\* Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



[NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive](#)

For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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